
AGENDA
College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 2, 2008
5:00 P.M.

University of Florida Foundation Building
2012 West University Avenue
Wadsworth Board Room

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Wednesday, March 5, 2008**
- D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
- E. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 1. Chair's Report**
 - 2. Staff Report**

Parking Study (B) : Based on both written and oral presentations, the selection committee ranked Rich & Associates as the top respondent. Information from the firm is included as back-up. At the March 17th meeting, the CRA approved the selection of Rich & Associates as the consultant for this study. Work is anticipated to begin shortly, so that traffic counts and parking demand observations may occur before the end of the University of Florida spring semester.

NW 1st Avenue Lighting: The project is underway.

Streetscape Standards – Bellomo Herbert submitted a completed draft of the streetscape standards on March 10th. Staff is completing its review.

Depot Rail Trail – Glating-Jackson delivered the completed trail improvement plans to the CRA on February 29, 2008. JMJ Engineering has begun its work on studying the feasibility of widening the trail.

Facade Program – The CPUH façade grant program application cycle opened on March 19, 2008 and will end May 19, 2008 (8 week cycle). The CRA has received an application from the Mellow Mushroom restaurant. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$10,000 per storefront with a per-building cap of \$50,000. The grant funds must be matched by the applicants with equal value of materials and contracted labor. Staff plans to submit received applications to CPUH for review in June. Currently, CPUH budgets \$50,000 per year toward the program, which has an available balance of \$160,733.

University Avenue Improvements - The new benches and waste receptacles have arrived. The FDOT Maintenance Agreement is in process. Roadway median irrigation design is in process. Staff has completed field measurements and is developing a scope of work for concrete pads needed in some areas to place the improvements. Coordination with the Solid Waste Division is in process. Completion of the project is anticipated in June pending DOT approval on maintenance agreement.

Bus Shelters – Three proposals were evaluated and two firms were selected for oral presentations, which will be scheduled for mid-April. It is expected that a contract will be executed soon thereafter.

3. Liaison Report: Linda Dixon – University of Florida

F. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. SW 2nd Avenue (NB)**

..Explanation

Consultants from BBPC and PBS&J continue to progress on the SW 2nd Avenue study. Preliminary market capacity and engineering capacity analyses have been completed, the consultants have had meetings with prominent local stakeholders, and the project team has identified a number of issues related both to area infrastructure and the local market. The consultants continue to meet with local stakeholders, and are now working to refine the marketing data and identify potential mitigation for the infrastructure issues.

Members of the consultant team will be in attendance and will discuss on-going findings with CPUH board. A public workshop is anticipated for early May; this event will allow for presentation, discussion and feedback on the draft program. The workshop will provide an opportunity to share initial findings with the board, elected officials, and local stakeholders, and will allow the consultants and CRA staff to receive valuable feedback. All landowners within the study area will be notified of the workshop, in order to foster large-scale stakeholder involvement. The CPUH regularly scheduled meeting in May will convene from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. to be immediately followed by the workshop.

..Fiscal Note

Funding for this project has been approved at a cost not-to-exceed \$100,000, from the Primary Corridors Account, #618-790-W724-5502.

..Recommendation

CRA Staff to CPUH Redevelopment Advisory Board: 1) Hear presentation from Staff and consultant; 2) Approve the scheduling of a SW 2nd Avenue Workshop at 5:30pm on May 7th; and 3) Provide input as necessary

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning (NB)

..Explanation

At the March 5, 2008 meeting, the CPUH board discussed both the previous and current redevelopment activities within the CPUH Area, reviewed the CRA's role in such redevelopment, and considered whether not the CRA's redevelopment purpose within the Area should now be considered successfully complete. In the course of this discussion, the board requested that Staff compile a comprehensive set of information that will help to illustrate past CRA redevelopment in the area, and on-going initiatives. Staff has assembled the requested information, and will present these findings to the board for discussion.

..Fiscal Note

None at this time.

..Recommendation

CRA Staff to CPUH Redevelopment Advisory Board: 1) Hear presentation from Staff; and 2) Provide input as necessary

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

K. ADJOURNMENT